

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**5 A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING STATE INFORMATION
FOR WEB PAGES USING A DIRECTORY SERVER**

An apparatus, system and method for maintaining Web
page state information using a directory server. A
directory server stores information for each Web page
10 visited by a user that requires user input. When the Web
page is again visited by the user, the information is
retrieved from the directory server and inserted into the
Web page in appropriate fields based on tags in the Web
page document. Thus, the user need not repeatedly
15 re-enter information already entered into the Web page.
However, if the user wants to enter new values, the new
values will replace the existing ones stored in the
directory server.

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